

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: Eagle Hotel Inventory Number: WA-II-770

Address: 1 - 5 North Main Street, Boonsboro, Maryland

Owner: Mark Webb

Tax Parcel Number: 428

Tax Map Number: 601

Project: Boonsboro Streetscape - WA960A21

Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration

Site visit by: John Milner Associates, Inc.

Staff: no X yes

Name: Kerri Culhane and Rachel Mancini

Date: June 1999

Eligibility recommended X

Eligibility **not** recommended

Criteria: X A B X C X D

Considerations: A B C D E F G X None

Is property located within a historic district? no X yes

Name of district: Town of Boonsboro (WA-II-981)

Is district listed? X no yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Boonsboro Streetscape, Alternate US 40: MD 68 to East of Mousetown Road, Washington County, Maryland, SHA Report 215 (JMA 1999) and Final Report: Architectural and Cultural Survey of Boonsboro and Clear Spring, MD (Mueller 1992).

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The former Eagle Hotel stands at the northeast corner of Boonsboro's historic main intersection, or "square" as it is locally known. The hotel is thought to be one of the first two-story stone buildings constructed in town (the Nicodemus house [Lakin Farm House] built ca. 1769 was technically on the outskirts of town). The original two-story, five-bay-wide by two-bay-deep rubblestone building was built by Peter Conn in 1796. Sited at the crossroads of Maryland's early road system, roads between Baltimore, Frederick and Hagerstown and the road south to Sharpsburg converged at Boonsboro's town square. The Eagle Hotel was an important early way station for stage riders and travelers along the Bank Road during the first half of the nineteenth century. The hotel has experienced a number of name changes over its lifetime: it has been known as the Eagle, Boone, Mountain Glen, and Commercial Hotel. During the late nineteenth century the enclosure of the former carriage way on the north side of the building resulted in a sixth bay. Around the same time, a six-bay, two-and-one-half-story brick wing and mansard roof was added to the building. The brick is laid in a five-course American bond. The windows in the ell are 6/6 wood sashes; the dormers are pedimented. The mansard roof is clad in patterned slate. All window openings employ jack arches: stone arches in the main block and brick in the ell. There are remnants of plaster on the rubblework of the main building. The building is currently in an advanced state of dilapidation and condemned. This property is one of the most significant landmarks in Boonsboro and eligible as a contributing element to the Boonsboro Historic District under A, C, and D.

Prepared by: Kerri Culhane, John Milner Associates, Inc., VA

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Eligibility recommended ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Eligibility not recommended ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None
 Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None
 Comments: _____

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 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

11/20/99
 Date

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 Reviewer, NR program

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**PRESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS****I. Geographic Region:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Shore | (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Shore | (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Piedmont | (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Western Maryland | (Allegany, Garrett and Washington) |

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural Agrarian Intensification | A.D. 1680-1815 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural-Industrial Transition | A.D. 1815-1870 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial/Urban Dominance | A.D. 1870-1930 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Modern Period | A.D. 1930-Present |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Period (<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> historic) | |

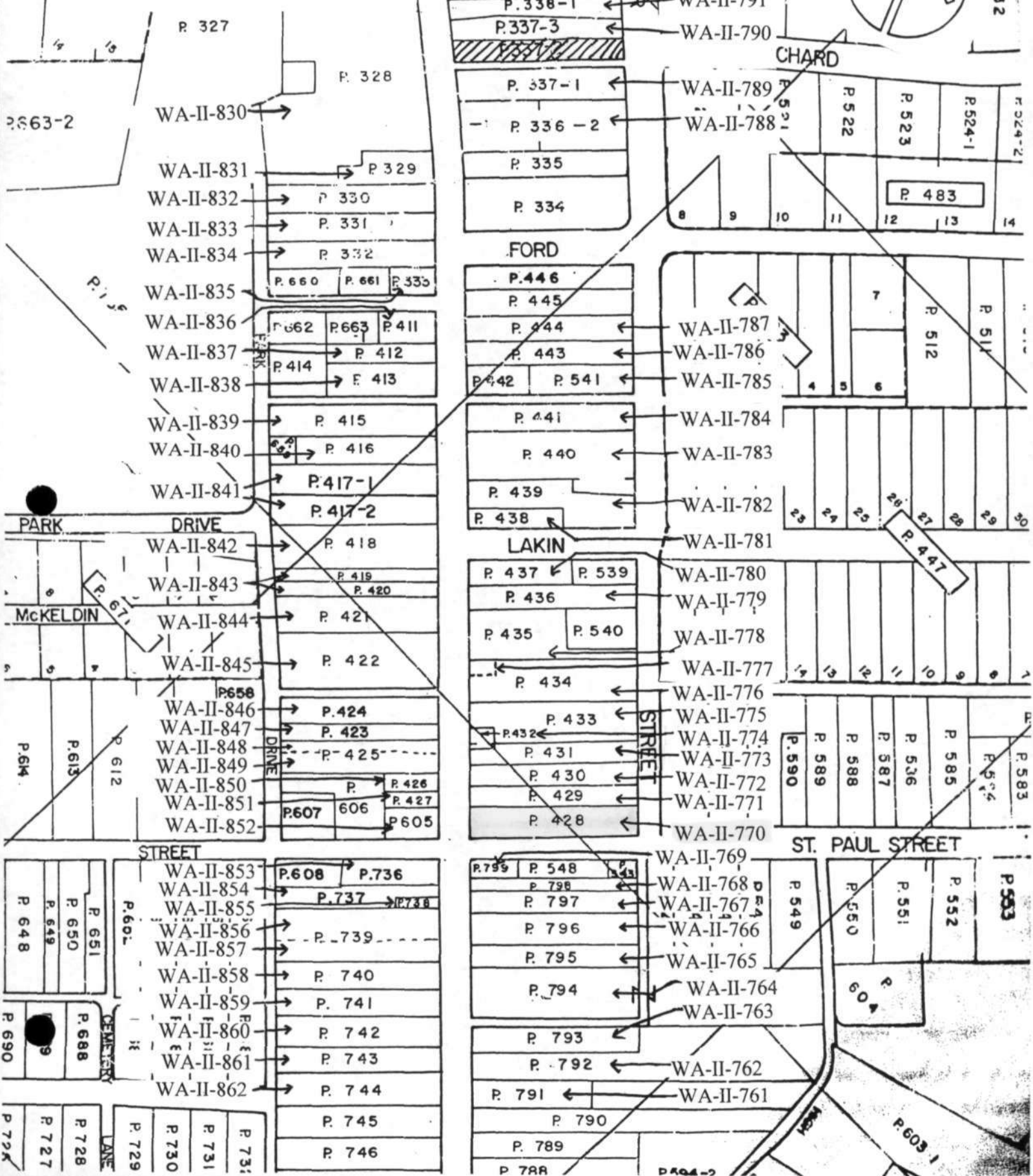
III. Historic Period Themes:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic (Commercial and Industrial) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government/Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Military |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Educational/Cultural |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |

IV. Resource Type:Category: BuildingHistoric Environment: VillageHistoric Function(s) and Use(s): DOMESTIC/hotel; COMMERCE/TRADE/specialty shopKnown Design Source: none

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Portion of Washington Co., MD Tax Map 601 showing the location of WA-II-770 (Parcel 428), 1-5 North Main Street, Boonsboro, MD





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1-5 N. Main St.

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neg MD SHPO

looking NE, main building



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neg: MD SHPO

looking west (rear) main building

SITE NUMBER: WA-II-770

ADDRESS: 1-5 North Main Street, Boonsboro, MD

OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: shops

BUILDING DATE: late 18th/early 19th century

1-5 North Main Street is a west-facing, horizontally massed, three-story, five-bay by eight-bay, stone and brick, attached, corner, commercial structure. The building, which is set directly at the public-right-of-way at the northeast corner of Main and St. Paul, rests on a stucco-finished foundation and has a long two-story ell running along St. Paul Street. The interior has been divided into several stores. The building has been constructed of several building materials. Today, the first floor has been stuccoed, the left bay is constructed of brick, and the remaining bays are of stone. A massive, slate mansard roof which tops the composition has a pedimented window in each bay. A two-story, open porch extends over the sidewalk. Fenestration consists of a variety of building types, including fixed single-pane windows on the first floor that replaced operable ones, and double-hung two-over-two windows on the second and third floors. Some windows retain their shutters. A shop window has been placed in the northern most, brick bay. Three sets of steps lead up to what were once entrance doors but which have been converted to windows. Today, only the northern most of the entrances still serves its original purpose. According to historic photographs dating to the 1910s, the building had a single set of wood stairs that ran across the length of the building.

According to deed research by Doug Bast, this building rests on original lot 33 that was first purchased by Peter Conn in 1792 for five pounds (Liber H, Folio 51). According to a walking tour

leaflet of the town, the front portion of the building was built circa 1796, was the first stone building in the town, and was one of the first five buildings constructed in Boonsboro. It was erected by Patrick Conn as the Eagle Hotel.

A building of the same configuration as the extant structure is noted on the 1877 map of the town. The 1897, 1904, and 1910 Sanborns indicate that the building served as the Commercial Hotel and is constructed of stone and was numbered 336. The front portion of the building was two stories. On St. Paul Street (then called East Church) there was a three-story brick addition (along which ran a three-story open porch along its back side), followed by a small, two-story brick addition, a two-story frame addition, and, finally a one-story frame addition. The rear of the lot had a large frame building that extended the width of the lot. The interior of the building is described on both Sanborns as having an office in the corner room with a dining room in the three-story brick addition on St. Paul Street. Next to the office was the bar behind which was the pool room in a frame addition. Next to the bar, in the brick section facing Main Street was a tin warehouse behind which was a tin shop in a frame addition. According to historic photographs of the building taken in the 1910s, the tin shop was occupied by a Henry Adams and the bar was called the Commercial Bar. In 1924, the bar is noted as a store. It is not until the 1940 Sanborn that the structure is noted as the Hotel Boone and the Main Street facade is noted as being three stories in height (however, photographs of the building dating to the 1910s indicate that the mansard roof was in place by that time). By that

time, the tin shop is no longer noted, and the rear additions (where the bar and tin shop had been) had been converted into a kitchen.

The building is within the Western Maryland Geographic Organization, the probable Development Period of Rural Agrarian Intensification, and falls within the Historic Period Themes of Economic; and Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning.

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Boone Hotel (Eagle Hotel, Mountain Glen Hotel, Commercial Hotel)

1-5 North Main Street, Boonsboro

Kerri Culhane photo, 1999



Steve Myers photo, NBC4, during fire



Jennifer Cosham photo, 2/22/2008, 2:30pm

